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Subject: Re: Somaliland's Presidential Election

Good afternoon,

I am following up on my email from earlier this month with an update on preparations for the Republic of Somaliland's upcoming political party elections and subsequent presidential election in 2023.

The Somaliland Committee for Registration of Political Associations and Approval of National Parties (CRPAANP) has [approved](#) nine political associations that, in addition to the three current parties, will participate in the final round of direct party elections. For the first time in Somaliland's history, eligible associations include a woman-led political group as well as parties from Somaliland's eastern and western border regions of Sool, Buuhoode, and Awdal.

This is the latest in a series of steps reaffirming the government's commitment to upholding the [election timeline](#) set forth by Somaliland's National Electoral Commission (NEC) last month. President Muse Bihi Abdi and members of his [cabinet](#) have continued to reiterate their commitment to holding both the political party elections and the presidential election as expeditiously as possible, including in a [recent video conference](#) with ambassadors, diplomats, and other stakeholders. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation on Tuesday reiterated the government's commitment to the election process and to protecting peace and stability in Somaliland, [noting](#) "the constitutional rights of our citizens are paramount."

Notably, the nine new political associations recently issued a [joint statement](#) endorsing the NEC's election timeline and calling on all stakeholders to resolve political differences peacefully.

Meanwhile, detractors continue to disseminate misinformation about the upcoming election. Somaliland remains a stable, democratic, and self-governing state that is readying to experience a free and fair election once again. As Somaliland prepares for these important milestones, the government of Somaliland remains in regular and constructive dialogue with all internal stakeholders. Somaliland has a tradition of consultative dialogue and consensus building that has traditionally resolved political disagreements peacefully and continues to serve as an effective mechanism for conflict resolution today.

Please do not hesitate to reach out should you have any questions regarding these developments.

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